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OLD TESTAMENT NOTES AND NOTICES.

Mr. W. W. White, of Yale University, has been appointed as Professor of Old Testament Literature in the Xenia Theological Seminary.

It is expected that Miss. Amelia B. Edwards, the distinguished Egyptologist, will visit the United States in the winter of 1889–'90 and deliver a series of lectures on Egypt and the recent discoveries there.

The Babylonian expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania has been working at the ruins of Niffer, whose site is marked by an immense mound, about sixty miles southwest of ancient Babylon, and bordering on the Afflosch swamps, so-called from the tribe of Bedouins that dwell near by. Niffer is identical with the old Babylonian Nippiru, founded about 3,000 years before the Christian era. In its ruins lie buried the remains of the famous Bel temple, which is to be thoroughly explored.

The books published by the Palestine Exploration "Fund" are: (1) The Store City of Pithom. Revised edition. Thirteen plates and two maps. In the heliotype appear the bricks made by the Israelites, with and without straw, and with stubble, to build the city. The route of Exodus is treated. (2) Zoan (Tanis). Part. I Nineteen plates and plans. Account of the greatest of all colossi is in this volume. (3) Naukratis. Part I. Forty-six plates and plans. Particularly valuable to classical readers, students in Greek arts, and all interested in *antiques*, such as coins, amulets, scarabs, pottery, weights, etc., etc., and in ancient epigraphy. (4) Zoan (Tanis). Part II. Including Am and Tahpanhes. Sixty-three plates and plans. Valuable to biblical and art students. (5) Goshen. With eleven plates, maps and plans. The plates are large and unfolding. The identification of Goshen is of supreme importance. Dr. Wm. C. Winslow, of Boston, is the Vice-president and Hon. Treasurer of the "Fund" for America, and has done great service to the cause of biblical study in stimulating the American interest in this enterprise. He is greatly desirous that America be largely represented in the gifts which are to sustain and carry on to larger success the work which has been thus far so wonderfully productive. He will gladly receive and forward all contributions.